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*Smallpox at North Shields.*NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, ENGLAND, *April 1, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to report an outbreak of smallpox in this consular district. Within the past two months there have been 35 cases and 2 deaths at North Shields (population, 51,514) and within the past three months 15 cases at South Shields (population, 103,532) and 6 cases have also been imported into the river Tyne from incoming vessels. There have been so far no cases in this city. The disease is not considered as yet as epidemic.

Respectfully,

HORACE W. METCALF,
United States Consul.

HON. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

GERMANY.

*Health of Berlin—Weekly death rate.*BERLIN, GERMANY, *April 7, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the health of Berlin during the week ended March 22 remained good. The mortality rate was somewhat lower than during the foregoing week, viz, 16 per 1,000 of the inhabitants, and was, therefore, lower than in two-thirds of the other large cities in Germany, and considerably lower than in London, Paris, and Vienna. The participation of children in their first year in the mortality was almost the same as in the second March week. Acute diseases of the intestines occurred somewhat less frequently, causing 31 deaths. Acute diseases of the respiratory organs, on the other hand, increased, claiming 76 victims, as compared with 66 in the foregoing week. A considerable increase took place in the number of deaths from consumption, namely, from 81 to 100 in this week. Cases of diphtheria continued to be of rather frequent occurrence, causing 5 deaths. There was no important change in the number of cases of measles and scarlet fever, the former causing 6, the latter 4 deaths. There were registered 3 deaths from influenza, as compared with 7 in the foregoing week.

Respectfully,

FRANK H. MASON,
*United States Consul-General.*The SURGEON GENERAL,
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.**Medical examinations in Germany.*BERLIN, GERMANY, *April 7, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith a synopsis translation of the regulations in force in the German Empire, for the examinations of physicians.

Respectfully,

FRANK H. MASON,
*United States Consul-General.*The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.